

CAVALLI

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Dear Luca:

George Klein of Stockholm was visiting Madison a few weeks ago, and brought with him an invitation from the organizing committee of the microbiology congress. I was asked to serve as 'Vice-President for the Section on Physiology & Genetics', and accepted as it will give us the opportunity to travel to the congress next August (4-9).

My main duty was to advise on the organization of a symposium on recombination in bacteria, and we agreed on the following tentative (& therefore confidential) list: Cavalli (sex); Ephrussi-Taylor (dna-transduction); Stocker (phage-transduction); Jacob (lysogeny). I could think of no one better qualified than you to give a balanced critique of the current status of the K-12 problem in intelligible terms, which is badly needed. I therefore hope that it will be possible for you to accept this invitation, knowing that it would mean you would probably have to give up the Montreal Congress in its favor. Klein will send you a formal invitation; it is my understanding that European participants ~~may~~ will be subsidized for their travel, so you will bear no extra expense at all.

If you wished to come to Madison for April through July, this would be four months (excepting time for the symposia) and it would be all right with us; if you can possibly manage to come a little earlier, sometime in March, so much the better. We might arrange to return to Europe together, and the congress would be as good a vehicle as any to present whatever conclusions we may have from our collaborative work previous to it.

How are your plans in re Pavia, and visiting us, coming out?

Our Australian itinerary is very slightly revised & copy is enclosed.

With our love to Alba,

Yours,

P.S.

Your expense-reimbursement check for \$100 arrived, and has been deposited in your account. That reminded me that I had forgotten to place the orders for the books you wanted & I will do so pronto.

JK